



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**LAND APPLICATION OF DAIRY AND FOOD PROCESSING WASTES**

<b>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT</b>	<p>The Indirect Discharge Program, part of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, may consider non-sewage process wastewater from the manufacturing of a food or beverage product discharged from food processing facilities to agricultural lands as fertilizer amendments and may issue permits to the generators of these non-sewage discharges with adequate conditions and monitoring considered necessary to prevent a violation of the Water Quality Standards and the Groundwater Protection Rule and Strategy.</p> <p>Any proposed land application of food processing wastes must use the Vermont Guidelines for the Land Application of Dairy Processing Wastes (as amended) in the formulation of the application for an indirect discharge permit.</p>
<b>EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY</b>	<p>Land application of wastewater from cheese processing or discharges of food and beverage processing wastes applied directly onto the land surface by the generator.</p>
<b>CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION</b>	<p>For projects involving the disposal of non-sewage wastewater it is recommended that the generator of the food processing wastes consult with staff listed below at an early stage of permitting to ascertain legal jurisdiction, site evaluation, and disposal requirements.</p>
<b>INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>	<p>Characteristics of the waste to be discharged must be determined. The <a href="#">Indirect Discharge Program</a> has guidance documents which list the items necessary for a complete application.</p> <p>Safety Data Sheets (SDS, fka MSDS) must be submitted for chemicals used in processing.</p>
<b>WEB ADDRESS</b>	<p><a href="https://dec.vermont.gov/water/indirect-discharge/non-sewage">https://dec.vermont.gov/water/indirect-discharge/non-sewage</a></p>
<b>FEES</b>	<p>Please refer to the <a href="#">Fee document</a> for information regarding administrative fees.</p>
<b>APPLICATION TIME FRAME</b>	<p>The established performance standards for processing a complete application for a new project, a renewal or an amendment:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Projects with capacities less or equal to 10,000 gpd..... 90 days</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Projects with capacities less or equal to 10,000 gpd with hearing..... 150 days</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Projects with capacities greater than 10,000 gpd..... 120 days</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Projects with capacities greater than 10,000 gpd with hearing..... 180 days</p>

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY**

<p><b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DIVISION INDIRECT DISCHARGE PERMIT PROGRAM</b></p> <p>1 National Life Drive, Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620</p> <p>CONTACT: Bryan Harrington 802-505-0972 <a href="mailto:Bryan.Harrington@vermont.gov">Bryan.Harrington@vermont.gov</a></p>
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**AUTHORITY**

10 VSA §§ 905b, 1250, 1251a, 1259, 1263, 1390 -1394, and Chapter 25 of Title 3 (Administrative Procedures Act)

**APPLICABLE  
RULE AND  
PROCEDURE**

[Indirect Discharge Rules](#) (Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 14) April 12, 2019

[Groundwater Protection Rule & Strategy](#)

[Vermont Water Quality Standards](#)

Guidelines for Land Application of Dairy Wastes, August 14, 1990  
<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/dwgwp/indirect/pdfs/guidelineslandappdairywaste.pdf>

**APPEAL  
PROCESS**

Any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the Secretary may appeal to the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the act or decision in accordance with 10 V.S. A. Chapter 220 and the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings.

**OTHER  
PERMITS**

Contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.  
<https://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits>

Vermont Department of Health, Food Processing Establishments (Sheet [#53.1](#))

Act 250 (Sheet [#47](#))